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- Created as a one port and free zone organization to serve as the main import/export hub of Oman
- Established in 2004 with investments of \$28 bln; providing service to Oman and the world for over 15 years
- Located just outside Strait of Hormuz and with landslide connectivity across GCC and direct connections to India
- Applies a cluster model based around Logistics, Metals, Petrochemicals and Food





SOHAR

- Partners with Port of Rotterdam, Europe's largest sea port, sharing their support, experience, international standards and quality
- Offers a 4,900 acre port, 11,000 acre free zone and is still expanding
- Accommodates 3,500 vessels / 65 mln tons per year (comparable to Port of Los Angeles in the U.S.)
- A full-service port with liquid, container, and bulk terminals provided by commercial partners (landlord model)



### Why SOHAR?

- Number of Investments = \$28 bln
  - 200,000 barrel/day refinery onsite
  - \$6.7 bln Liwa Plastics Plant
  - \$300 mln Sohar Textiles Complex
- Access to raw materials
  - Within SFZ and/or immediate surrounding area
  - Polypropylene, polyethylene
  - Aluminum, steel, ferrochrome, copper
  - Limestone, gypsum, silica, quartz
  - Sugar, rice, grain, edible oils
- Cluster approach
  - Sharing of resources
  - Upstream/downstream opportunities
  - Efficiency/cost reduction of transport
  - Same management for port and free zone



### Why SOHAR?

- World Class Infrastructure
  - Facilities
  - Region's only dedicated agro berth
- Expert Services
  - Advising on US-Oman FTA
  - Assistance with business cases
  - One Stop Shop
- Access to Market
  - Closest to GCC / Muscat by sea and road
  - Main port for goods into Oman (two thirds of overall imports)
  - Shipping routes (550+)
- Cost Savings
  - Competitive electricity
  - Access to natural gas
  - Development of solar power Shell
  - Limit transport costs due to cluster approach



## Industry Leaders who chose SOHAR

- HARSCO (USA): Steel waste management and recycling
- Vale (Brazil): Largest producer of iron ore and nickel in the world
- SV Pittie (India): 3<sup>rd</sup> largest cotton yarn manufacturer in India; creates Omani yarn
- SPMP (Oman): Largest antimony-gold processing outside of China
- Jindal Group (India): Steel manufacturer



## Opportunities at SOHAR

Opportunities are possible at SOHAR for those with vision. The cluster approach of SFZ presents clients with network opportunities for collaborations and partnerships including:

- Downstream Plastics: Polymer-based product applications for healthcare, automotive and packaging
- Downstream Textiles: Yarn as an Omani good available onsite to be included in textile products, utilizing US-Oman FTA
- Downstream Metals: Rich sources of raw materials provide an ideal environment for steel, copper, limestone, aluminum, and ferrochrome production



# Opportunities at SOHAR

 Food and Beverages: Value add; processing; packaging; warehousing; distribution – all in one place

Warehousing & Logistics: Export US products into regional market and beyond

 Clean Energy: Development of solar PV projects to diversify and enter a sustainable practice





- SOHAR offers good incentives, a transparent regulatory environment, stable energy and connections to be your business hub to the Middle East, Asia and Africa
- Viable alternative to China and close access to the booming market of India

- Location
- Accessibility
- Stability
- Support



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